

1917 March

The workers of Matopo and Mtshabesi Missions met in council at the former place, March 13, 1917. H.P. Steigerwald, Moderator, H.J. Frey, Secretary.

## Art. I

Whereas, the F.M. Board has kindly and favorably considered the opening of a new white-workers' station, and ask advice as to what workers are needed,

Therefore, Resolved that we petition the F.M. Board to send, at their earliest convenience, a man and wife who may either open a new station or relieve workers now on the field for that work, at the discretion of the African Conference.

## Art. II

Whereas, we believe that the discussion of questions at our Conference meetings could be made more beneficial and instructive if greater time and thought were given in preparation,

Whereas, also, we believe that questions for discussion should cover a wider scope,

Resolved that a committee be appointed to arrange a program for our regular Conference meetings, both European and native; said program to occupy only part of the time of Conference.

Resolved further that additional questions for discussion should be handed in to the Secretary before the day of Conference, if possible.

Comm. H.J. Frey, A.C. Winger, Cora Alvis.

## Art. III

Decided that the farm rent should be paid for teachers living on farms where rent is required, except in case of beginners when it should be left to the discretion of the missionary in charge.

## Art. IV

Is it allowable for those who have been married by native custom but not by Christian rites to labor in the work of the Lord?

Decided that before giving definite answer we enquire as to position of other societies on the subject.

## Art. V

Whereas, considering the work at the main stations and the overseeing of the outschools, our mule-power is entirely too light,

Resolved that we petition the F.M.B. for means to buy four more mules, two for Matopo, and two for Mtshabesi: the approximate cost being a hundred and thirty pounds.

## Art. VI

Whereas, the secretary of the F.M.B. has requested that we consider the advisability of securing letter heads suitable for use at all our African stations, therefore

Resolved that we appoint a committee to correspond with the missionaries of the Church in other parts of Africa to know their wish in the matter.

Comm. Sadie Book, Hannah Baker.

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## Art. VII

Decided to appoint a committee to arrange Baptismal certificates, Membership cards, and Evangelists' forms.

Coms. H.J.Frey, A.C.Winger.

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- (a) Recommended not to limit the number composing wedding parties.
- (b) Recommended that weddings should be held at another than prayermeeting day and that boys and girls staying at mission stations need not as a rule attend weddings from a distance.
- (c) Decided to discourage the use of flags by wedding parties.
- (d) Decided that it is proper to teach our people to rise upon the approach of their teachers or superiors; but that mothers with children should constitute an exception to the rule.

H.J.Frey, Secretary.